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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7143

BILL NUMBER: SB 416

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Gate Fees at Brookville Lake.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Leising

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a 5-year pilot program under which the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be required to transfer to the Franklin County fiscal body 10% of all the gate fees collected by the DNR at Brookville Lake. The bill requires the fiscal body to use the money received for the operation and equipment of (1) the county sheriff's department; (2) fire departments or fire protection districts; and (3) emergency medical services providers. It requires the county fiscal body to submit annual reports.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DNR must transfer to the Franklin County fiscal body 10% of all the gate fees collected by the DNR at Brookville Lake. The State Treasurer must transfer gate fee proceeds before June 30 of each year to the county fiscal body. These provisions should have minimal impact on the DNR and the State Treasurer.

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill establishes a 5-year pilot program, which would result in the state seeing a reduction in revenue to the State Park Fund of around \$16,000 in each of FY 2010 through FY 2014.

Background: Brookville gate fees for the past two years are listed below:

CY 2007 = \$170,122

CY 2008 = \$154,533

2-Year Average = \$162,327

(These figures include resident and non-resident entrance fees collected.)

Based on the 2-year average, 10% of the gate fees would equal \$16,232. Gate fees are deposited in the State Park Fund. Based on the proposal, the state would see a reduction in revenue to this fund of around \$16,000 annually, beginning July 1, 2009, and ending July 1, 2014. This amount would be forwarded to Franklin County.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The county fiscal body must use the gate revenue only for the operation and equipment of the following:

- (1) The county sheriff's department.
- (2) Fire departments or fire protection districts.
- (3) Emergency medical services providers.

Beginning in 2010, Franklin County must submit an annual report to the DNR and the Legislative Council that specifies how the money was used. The annual report submitted to the Legislative Council must be in an electronic format. This provision should have little impact on local expenditures.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Franklin County would receive approximately \$16,000 annually for a 5-year period, beginning July 1, 2009, and ending July 1, 2014.

State Agencies Affected: DNR, State Treasurer.

Local Agencies Affected: Franklin County.

Information Sources: DNR.

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